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Sir:

The present Reply is filed as a complete response to the Office Action mailed 18 May 2005, for which a three month time for reply was set. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Reply on the basis that as shown by the arguments and evidence submitted herein, the claims are allowable and the rejections thereof should be withdrawn. In addition the present Reply reduces the issues for appeal. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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